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Dear Mark,

TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006: REQUEST FOR SCREENING DECISION

PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL (LONDON TO CORBY) (LAND ACQUISITION, LEVEL CROSSING AND BRIDGE WORKS) ORDER

I refer to your letter of 6 April 2018 requesting a screening decision under rule 7 of the above Rules as to whether an environmental impact assessment is required in respect of the reconstruction of Bromham Road Bridge in the Borough of Bedford.

In considering this request we have taken into account the contents of your letter of 6th April 2018 and enclosed screening report (TP/LNE/2018-039). We have also consulted Bedford Borough Council, Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England. Responses were received from all consultees and these have been taken into account. We are satisfied that the information provided in the screening report meets the requirements of rule 7(5) of the above Rules. We consider that the proposals described in your request should be regarded as a project of the type mentioned in Annex II to Directive 2011/92/EC as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU. In coming to a decision on your request, we have had regard to the characteristics of the development proposed at Bromham Road and the characteristics of the potential impact of the proposals described in your screening report and to the criteria in Annex III of Directive 2014/52/EU. On the basis of the information provided and the responses received from consultees we consider that these proposals are unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment.

Therefore in accordance with rule 7(13) of the above Rules, the Secretary of State's screening decision is that an **environmental impact assessment is not required** in relation to the proposals described in your request.

In accordance with rule 7(15) a copy of this decision will be placed on our website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/twa-inspector-reports-and-decision-letters#2018-twa-decisions-and-applications>

Yours sincerely,

N. Kopala.

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